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**1 Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114****a. ☐ Previously submitted****i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on**  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).**ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on****iii. ☐ Other****b. ☐ Enclosed****i. ☐ Amendment/Reply****iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)****ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)****iv. ☐ Other****2 Miscellaneous****a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for**  
a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)**b. ☐ Other****3 Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.**a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to**  
Deposit Account No. **50-1390****i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)****12/26/2002 SSESHE1 00000107 09853784****ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)****01 FC:1251****110.00 0P****iii. ☐ Other****b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ **110 & \$740** enclosed****c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)****WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.****SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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